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Dear Sir:

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## DISCUSSION

O'Rourke ('294)(AA) provides a hemispherical, partially open cup attachable to a golf club either by a collar surrounding the grip or a screw shaft intended to protrude into the butt of the grip.

Klingler ('906)(AB) shows a closed, substantially parabolic cup with an extended lip for reaching under a ball to secure it. The device attached to golf club using a tubular shank forming a spring-loaded collar.

McEvoy ('875)(AC) discloses a ball retriever having a base which clamps onto a club grip using one of several securing options, and three ball-grasping spring tines displaced evenly around and extending forward along the club axis.

Dupont ('264)(AD) provides a circular, open scoop which mounts to a golf club using a sleeve surrounding the grip butt. The scoop attaches to the sleeve and extends at an angle to the club axis for optimal retrieval, including from inside a green cup.

Russell ('184)(AE) includes two, U-shaped legs which extend forward from the grip to grasp the ball, the legs being embedded in a cup which mounts over the end of the grip.

Crockett ('794)(AF) discloses a flexible rubber cup mounted to the end of a club grip which folds back along the grip to reveal a concealed ball mark repair tool.

Nigrelli et al. ('632)(AG) provides a pair of grasping fingers which extend at convenient angles forward from a club grip to grasp a ball. One of said fingers splits into two tines to form a fork to laterally stabilize the ball. The tines also double as a ball mark repair tool.

Kopfle ('947)(AH) shows a golf ball teeing device which includes an open sided container on the end of a dedicated handle for holding both a ball and tee together. The container includes a ball mark repair tool which folds out of the way when not in use.

McCain ('579)(AI) discloses a club support attachable to the grip which folds out to keep the grip off the ground.

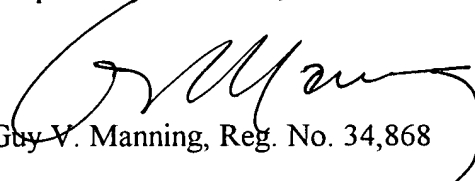
Zink ('449)(AJ) provides a club holder designed to grasp the side of a club grip and protrude into the ground to hold the club erect when not in use. The portion of the device which protrudes into the ground includes two tines useful for repairing ball marks.

Furrow ('389)(AK) is similar to Dupont (AD) except that the scoop extends parallel the club axis. alternate embodiment comprises spring steel bent to form tines which surround and grasp the club grip in lieu of the sleeve.

The accompanying PTO Form 1449 lists references of which Applicants are aware. Applicants consider these references relevant to the instant application, and requests that they be considered in the examination thereof and cited in the issued patent.

Applicants believe that the novel features of their invention disclosed in the subject patent application are not anticipated or rendered obvious by any of the above cited references. Applicants requests the Examiner to carefully review each of the cited references to reach an independent evaluation of their effect on patentability.

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